

HELD AS EXTORTERS AS MONEY IS PASSED

Two Charged With Demanding \$10,000 From Banker to 'Settle' False Tax Report.

FAKE U.S. BADGE ALLEGED

Detective as Railroad Porter Nabs Men Named by Walter M. Williams.

Lewis G. Smith, 30 years old, a certified public accountant, of 238 West 125th street, and George Van Alstyne, 31, of 200 Davidson avenue, The Bronx, were arrested in the Pennsylvania Station late yesterday on charges of attempting to extort \$10,000 from Walter M. Williams, vice-president of the Chelsea National Bank and head of the American Carpet Cleaning and Weaving Company, Inc., 412 East 125th street, under a veiled threat of exposing a supposed false statement in the income tax return of the latter corporation.

Mr. Williams told the police that Smith, who formerly was employed by the carpet cleaning company as an auditor, visited him Wednesday afternoon and told him that the company's sales for 1919 were reported in the tax return as being \$112,000, while they actually totaled \$102,000. Mr. Williams expressed surprise and asserted he would immediately report the error to William H. Edwards, collector of internal revenue. Thereupon, he said, Smith announced that he had a friend in the internal revenue service who would "fix things up."

Soon after Smith left a young man who represented himself as an internal revenue officer called on Mr. Williams and asked to see the company's books. A few minutes later, Mr. Williams charged the youth announced that he had found a shortage of \$20,000 in the amount of sales reported to the Government, but suggested that matters could be straightened for \$10,000. Mr. Williams, who identified Van Alstyne as the supposed revenue officer, said he then left, suggesting they meet in the Hermitage Hotel at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Williams notified the police and Detectives Michael Murphy and John Shields accompanied him to the hotel, but remained in the background. Mr. Williams met the two young men in the hotel lobby, he said, and told them he could not pay \$10,000, and asked if \$5,000 would be enough. The latter sum was agreed upon, whereupon Mr. Williams announced that he had to go to the Chelsea National Bank to get the money. Smith and Van Alstyne promised to meet him, Mr. Williams said, in the waiting room of the Pennsylvania Station half an hour later.

While Mr. Williams went to the bank and drew a \$1,000 and four \$100 bills, which he marked, the two young men started for the railroad station in a taxicab, the detectives following in another automobile. When Mr. Williams arrived at the station and walked into the waiting room where Smith and Van Alstyne were standing, he was surprised to discover Detective Shields, dressed in a porter's uniform, almost rubbing elbows with the two. Mr. Williams walked up to Van Alstyne. The money was passed a second later and the detectives pointed on the two young men.

Detective Shields said the marked bills were found on Van Alstyne, as well as an income tax return blank which Mr. Williams identified as one that had been shown to him on Wednesday. It contained the return figures of the carpet company which, Mr. Williams said, Smith prepared when he was the company's auditor. A spurious badge, purporting to be that of a revenue officer, was also found on Van Alstyne, the police say.

Van Alstyne told the detectives he is single and was in the navy during the war. Smith said that he is head of the Triangle Audit Company, 318 Broadway.

INTERMYER ILLNESS HALTS RUMELY CASE

Trial Involving 'Evening Mail' Over Until November.

Because of the ill health of Samuel Untermyer, of counsel in the trial of Edward A. Rumely, 8 Walter Kaufmann and Norris R. Lindheim, who are accused of concealing during the war the German ownership of the Evening Mail, the case was postponed yesterday until the first Monday in November.

Seven tentative jurors had been chosen and the trial was scheduled to proceed when other counsel for the defendants moved for the postponement, and Judge William I. C. Grubb agreed after the lawyers on both sides had conferred. It would take another lawyer at least three weeks to familiarize himself with the case, it was said, and Mr. Untermyer's condition, threatening a general breakdown, is so serious that it was thought unlikely that he would be able to appear again this summer.

ITSA HERR GOES FOR BOTH NAME AND SEX

Friends Help Parents Make Temporary Decision.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Herr in Caldwell, N. J., three weeks ago, but neither Mr. nor Mrs. Herr had indulged in speculation in regard to the sex and accordingly had no name selected for the child. The usual friendly inquiry "What is it?" has provided the proud parents with a temporary name. They decided yesterday to call her Ita Herr.

Mr. Herr is a lawyer, with offices in Hoboken, and Mrs. Herr is a daughter of Supreme Court Justice Garrison and a niece of Lindley M. Garrison, receiver of the B. R. T.

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DOG BITES ELEVEN, SPREADING TERROR

Beast, Believed Mad, Is Killed After Chase in Bath Beach Section.

HUNT FOR MORE VICTIMS

Attacked Only Children in Run Through the Streets—Clubbied by Policemen.

For two hours yesterday afternoon a large dog, foaming at the mouth, ranged the Bath Beach section of Brooklyn, biting children and spreading terror wherever he ran. Eleven children under 9 years are known to have been bitten and many more may have suffered. The animal finally was cornered and clubbed to death by policemen.

The dog made his first attack about 4 o'clock, when he sprang John Murphy, Jr., 2 years old, toddling behind his father in Bath avenue at Bay Twenty-second street. Before the father could beat him off he had bitten the child in the right arm.

From that time on telephone calls from frightened mothers swamped the police station. The dog dashed through the section snapping at every one in his path, but hitting only the smaller children. Bicycle Policemen John Hythe and John Miller were ordered out to kill the beast and trailed him for three or four miles in a path made plain by the terror he spread. The section is residential and children are plentiful. The body of the animal was taken to the Bath Beach police station and will be sent to the Board of Health for examination for rabies.

Besides the Murphy child, whose home is at 1725 Seventy-ninth street, the following were bitten:

Victor Dorman, 4, of 48 Bay Twenty-ninth street; Janice Hart, 4, of 2028 Eighty-third street; Gilbert Fleischer, 4, of 24 Bay Twenty-fifth street; Sidney Filba, 5, of 2123 Eighty-sixth street; Martell Gruber, 4, of Seventeenth and Cropsey avenues; Fella Alafi, 17 months, of 149 Bay Twenty-eighth street; Simon Eckstein, 4, of 2719 Twenty-first avenue; Lillian Simon, 8, of 140 Bay Thirty-fourth street; Bertice Herman, 2, of 8473 Bay Parkway; and Marie Solomon, 5, of 2106 Cropsey avenue.

HYLAN LEADS PARTY TO DIAMOND VICTORY

Aldermen's Ball Game Full of Runs and Errors.

Only seven non-partisan spectators, all citizens of Glenwood Landing, L. I., and a wire-haired terrier who was the only really disinterested observer, watched the triumph of the Democratic members of the Board of Aldermen over the Republicans by a score of 21 to 9 at the Aldermen's annual outing yesterday.

The Socialist members were absent. Mayor Hylan, the Presidents of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn, and Albert E. Hull, secretary of the Board of Purchase, all coached round the base lines.

The game was full of runs and errors. Which predominated, not even the Board of Estimate could say. Walter Warren, Democrat, scored the only home run. It was the only one because Steve Roberts got winded and set down on second base to rest when Willie Dalton, majority leader, had sent the ball into the dim distance only to reach first and see Roberts apparently settled for the night.

President La Guardia, paying for the Republicans in right field, did not fail to run to earth every last one of the seventeen flies that hit the ground in his neighborhood.

The game terminated abruptly when Sergeant-at-Arms McGowan appeared in deep center driving a cart containing two mysterious looking kegs. Prior to the game the Aldermen were guests at a clam bake at Karatson's Hotel, where John L. McCourt and Johnnie O'Rourke fought a clean eating contest to a draw.

POLICE RESCUE THIEF AS CROWD USES ROPE

Tenant and Owner Capture Burglar in Apartment.

Alexander McCortley, owner, and John Cahoon, a tenant in the apartment house at 62 East 190th street, The Bronx, used a pass key yesterday and entered a top floor apartment occupied by James Francis, who was not in. They had heard a noise in the apartment, and as they opened the door they saw a man packing silver and other articles into a bag. McCortley had a revolver and ordered the intruder to throw up his hands. Instead the man drew a black-jack. McCortley fired, aiming at the knee.

Seeing that the captors were well armed the man surrendered. It happened that Mrs. Cahoon was coming into the house with a newly purchased clothes line. A crowd that had assembled seized this and cries of lynching were heard. Police and detectives arrived as a noise was being placed over the captured man's head.

At Police Headquarters the prisoner is said to have admitted he had been in jail almost continuously since 1907 and had been released seven months ago. He gave the name of James Reilly, 42. He was held for burglary.

\$2,000 ROBBERY TALE A FAKE, ADMITS LAD

Kidnapping, Chloroforming in Park Part of Plot.

Alfred Meltenbauer, eighteen-year-old messenger for the Century Doll Company, confessed in Jefferson Market Court yesterday that he had told a yarn about being kidnapped, robbed of the company's \$2,000 payroll and carried, bound and chloroformed, to Central Park, where he was abandoned. He said the real story was that he and Salvatore Filippone, 19 years old, of 184 Thirty-eighth street, Brooklyn, a former employee of the company, had committed the robbery. Each pleaded guilty to grand larceny and was held in \$2,000 bail for the Grand Jury.

SOLDIER DEAD ARRIVE.

209 Bodies Are First of Those to Die in Hospital.

The transport Nansemond brought to Hoboken yesterday 209 bodies of American soldiers, the first of the Army of Occupation to die in hospitals in France, chiefly from disease.

Under a new army ruling the names of none of the soldiers was given out for publication. Families of the soldiers were notified, and if they chose to give the names they are expected to do so.

RELIEF FUND SHY. BROKER IS ACCUSED

Wife of Man Held Offers Savings in Repayment.

Abraham J. Zirim, insurance broker, of 228 Grand street, Brooklyn, was arrested in the office of Samuel Markewich in the Criminal Courts Building late yesterday on a charge of grand larceny, which grew out of a shortage in contributions to the Jewish War Relief Fund of between \$5,000 and \$4,000. The arrest of Zirim resulted from an investigation of his accounts ordered several weeks ago by Judge Otto Rosasky, chairman of the joint distribution committee of the fund.

After Zirim had been placed under arrest and taken to Police Headquarters his wife and mother appeared at the office of Mr. Markewich and asked that he accept \$1,000 in cash which they carried as part payment for the alleged discrepancy.

Mrs. Zirim told Mr. Markewich she sold all her furniture to raise the money and that her mother-in-law had added a check for \$20 which represented her week's earnings as a janitress. Mr. Markewich refused to accept the money and suggested the women use it to-day as bail.

"The fullest measure of the law will be meted out," said Judge Rosasky. "No mercy should be shown to such a man," he added, and characterized the money obtained in the supposed theft as "blood money." He said the fund will not suffer through the loss, as all the workers are bonded.

The investigation which resulted in the arrest of Zirim was begun soon after Hyman Struber, a taxicab owner, of 223 South Second street, Brooklyn, appealed to the joint distribution committee to make good a check for \$184 which he said Zirim had given him in payment for taxicab rides and which had come back from a bank marked "no funds."

Boys of 17 Can Enter Navy. The enlistment age in the navy has been reduced to 17 years. It was announced yesterday. In cases of enlistment at the minimum age, however, papers of consent must be executed by parents. The low weight requirement is 120 pounds and the lowest height 5 feet 2 inches.

STOREY SOUGHT BOND THIEVES, HE ASSERTS

Explains Association With Brokers to Jury at Trial.

The real purpose which impelled Frank de R. Storey, lawyer, to associate with Richard Armstrong and others in the brokerage business who are charged with handling stolen securities, was to discover who were the real thieves and expose their methods to the surety companies. Storey testified yesterday in his trial on the charge of receiving stolen securities before Judge Malone and a jury in General Sessions.

Storey said he wanted to gain the favor of the surety companies to assist him in his project of forming a transfer company to deliver stocks and bonds in the financial district to replace hot messengers and runners. He had taken the plan before some of the surety concerns in an endeavor to get them to cover the risks which his proposed company would take, but found them unsympathetic, he said. If he could show them where and how to find the bond plotters who were operating below the

deadline, he said he thought they might warm a little to his idea.

Storey admitted under cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Alfred J. Talley that he had received over four \$1,000 Pennsylvania Railroad bonds to Richard A. Lane. The transaction, he said, took place in a taxicab speeding through Brooklyn, Lane driving him \$200 in cash. He also admitted knowing Armstrong and a number of other brokers under arrest. He denied, however, that marked money had been found upon him when he was in the office of Alfred J. Talley, Assistant District Attorney. "You know that the detectives took my money and substituted marked notes for it," he shouted at Mr. Talley, rising from his seat. He also denied any knowledge of sixty-six shares of Stutz Motor stock, worth \$55,000, which have figured in previous testimony.

Indorse Chief Kenion.

John Kenion, Fire Chief, was indorsed for reelection as president of the International Association of Fire Engineers by the New Jersey Fire Chiefs Association in semi-annual convention, it was announced yesterday. The resolutions expressed deep interest in Chief Kenion's plans for standardization of fire apparatus and equipment.

4 MASKED MEN GET \$900 IN DAY HOLDUP

Force Cashier to Open Safe in Bronx Office.

Four masked young men entered the office of John A. McCarthy and Bro., dealers in masonry and building materials, 541 Exterior street, The Bronx, shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, held up the clerk and cashier and took more than \$900 in cash from the office safe.

James McGrath, a clerk, was alone in the office when the men entered. Not knowing the combination of the safe he was unable to comply with their command to "hand over the ready money."

Fred McDonald, the cashier, was located in the building and at the point of a revolver forced to open the safe. The thieves grabbed the cash drawer, which contained rent money recently collected from tenants of houses controlled by McCarthy and his brother. They then joined a companion who had been standing outside and disappeared under the arch of the 149th street Harlem River bridge.

CALLS SWEET CROOK: EDITOR IS ARRESTED

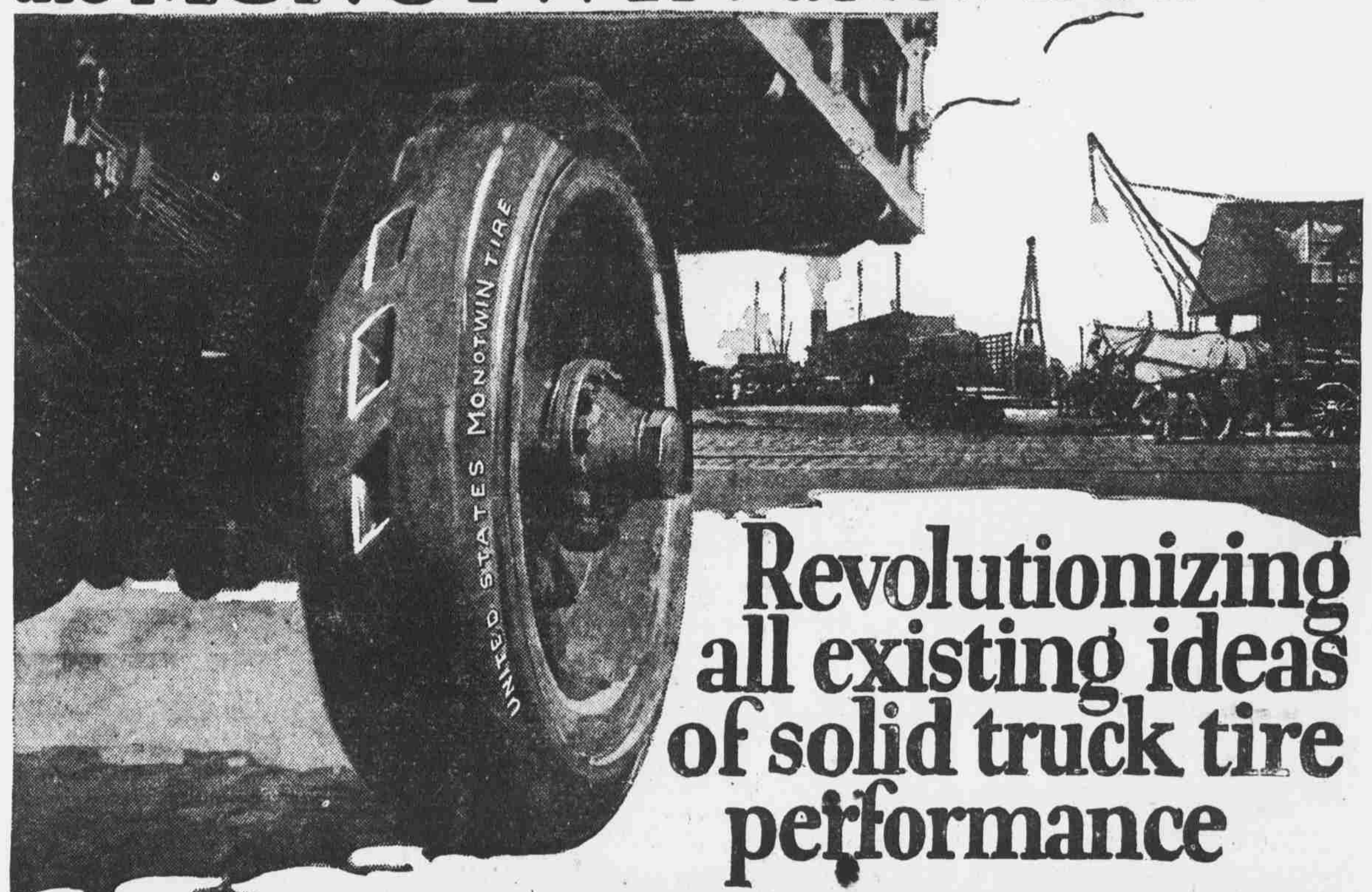
Court Holds Socialist Writer in \$1,000 Bail.

Dr. William J. Robinson, editor and publisher of the Medical Critic and Guide, a Socialist monthly, was arrested late yesterday for publishing his opinion of Speaker Sweet.

Dr. Robinson boiled over in print about Mr. Sweet and the Legislature after the expulsion of the Socialist members. In articles headed "The Crime at Albany" and "The Reason for the Crime" he declared "there is not a blacker souled crook in prison than Thaddeus C. Sweet and his crew," and warned honest men to keep away from the Legislature, which, he asserted, was full of "corruptionists." Speaker Sweet made a complaint about the articles.

Dr. Robinson was arraigned before Judge Malone, in General Sessions, and released in \$1,000 bail. He was indicted twice by the Grand Jury and will be arraigned to-day for pleading.

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